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SUBJ: TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR NUCLEAR WELDING EQUIPMENT

1. DR. VIKTOR NOVOTNY AT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FIRM WHICH HE COULD IDENTIFY ONLY AS BOPO RPT BOPO -- PRODUCERS OF WELDING EQUIPMENT FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS AND STEAM EXCHANGERS. APPARENTLY, BOPO EQUIPMENT USES COMPONENTS FROM LINCOLN ELECTRIC, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON ITS WELDING EQUIPMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO NOVOTNY, CZECHS WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN RECEIVING QUOTES ON FOUR UNITS OF BOPO WELDERS -- DESCRIBED AS BEING SOME SIX METERS IN LENGTH, AND ALREADY IN USE IN FRANCE AT FRANATOM, CREUSOT-LOIRE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION BEWT/TDAD CAN PROVIDE ON THIS FIRM, AS WELL AS FOR TDAD'S EFFORTS IN PASSING THIS INQUIRY ALONG TO BOPO, IF POSSIBLE. FIRM NOT LISTED IN THOMAS REGISTER. PERRY

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